THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) Representatives of the Government of India and NSCN (I-M) leaders met at Amsterdam on 29th-30th July, 2005 and it was mutually agreed to extend the cease-fire for six months beyond 31st July, 2005.

(d) The economic blockade by All Naga Students' Association, Manipur (ANSAM) on NH-39 and NH-53 has been lifted on 11th August, 2005.

Committees/Commissions appointed by Government

3065. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of the Committees and Commissions including their Chairpersons appointed by Government of India between May, 2004 and July, 2005;

(b) have any of them reported back to Government; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY) : (a) and (b) Various Committees and Commissions are set up by the Administrative Ministries of the Government of India and the information is not Centrally maintained. However, no Commission was set up by Ministry of Home Affairs during the period between May, 2004 and July, 2005.

(c) Does not arise.

Appointments on compassionate ground in DCPW

3066. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the widows of employees of Directorate of Co-ordination (Police Wireless) of Ministry of Home Affairs have not been given jobs on compassionate grounds even after six/seven years;

(b) whether gross arbitrariness are committed in giving jobs on compassionate grounds and if not, the criteria followed in each case in giving appointment on compassionate grounds from 1998 till date;